



**Minutes of the
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
December 7th, 2016**

The meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Board opened at 9:00 am in the Iris Room at 665 Mainstream Drive, Nashville, Tennessee.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Members of the Board present:

The Board Chair opened the meeting with a Roll Call and the following is the results::

No.	Name	Present	Absent
1	Chris Brooks	X	
2	Jeffery Davis	X	
3	Kappu Deshpande	X	
4	Larry Hutsell		X
5	Donald Mosby	X	
6	Brian Robinson	X	
7	James Ross	X	
8	Sullivan Smith MD, Chairman	X	
9	Tim Strange	X	
10	Stephen Sutton		X
11	Robert Webb	X	
12	Tyler White	X	
13	Jeanne Yateman	X	

Twelve (11) members were in attendance, a quorum was established.

Also present:

- Donna G. Tidwell Director Office of Emergency Medical Services
- Hansel Cook Assistant EMS Director
- Dr. Joe Holley State Medical Director
- Lachina McKinney Legal Counsel
- Nita Jernigan Region 3 EMS Consultant
- Brian Tompkins Region 4 EMS Consultant
- Dwight Davis Region 5 EMS Consultant
- LeeAnne Boeringer Region 6 EMS Consultant
- Teddy Myracle Region 7 EMS Consultant
- Kevin Cagle Region 8 EMS Consultant
- Randall Kirby EMS Consultant at Large
- Tory Ferguson Regulatory Board Administrative Assistant 2

The Board and the audience where reminded the meeting is now live streamed by the Chairperson.

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 28th, 2016 MINUTES – Motion by Dr. Brooks to accept and seconded by Tim Strange.

Motion passed on voice vote.

Recognition

Mrs. Tidwell reported on Dr. Crell passing away recently. She gave a brief summary of his life and accomplishments.

She also gave a brief report on the Gatlinburg Fire. She gave recognition to the services which responded as a part of the strike team, the EMS Consultants and Mr. John Moyers in his help with the radio communications.

OCG Report

Lachina McKinney was introduced as the replacement for Keith Hodges as Legal Counsel, she gave the report from the Office of General Counsel and advised the Board of the Conflict of Interest Policy.

TnPAP Report

Elaine Eaton gave the TnPAP Report.

OCG Cases

Respondent: Beth Albritton, Paramedic License 3093, Lebanon,, TN

Respondent was at all times pertinent hereto licensed by the Division as a Paramedic in the state of Tennessee, having been granted license number 30931 on February 2, 2005 with an expiration date of May 31st, 2016. Respondent was employed as a paramedic in the adult emergency department at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville at all pertinent hereto. On multiple occasions in or around February and March 2015, Respondent diverted Midazolam from her employer. Respondent was terminated from her employment with VUMC as a result of the diversion.

For the purpose of avoiding further administrative action with respect to this cause, the Respondent agrees to immediate **SUSPENSION** of her Paramedic license no. 30931. She agrees to an evaluation by TnPAP and should the results of that TnPAP approved evaluation recommend monitoring, then she may sign a TnPAP monitoring agreement and obtain the advocacy of TnPAP. On receipt of notification from TnPAP that she has signed an agreement prior to or during the period of suspension, the suspension shall be **STAYED** and the license shall be immediately placed on **PROBATION** on terms and conditions. After completion of the TnPAP program and by their recommendation her license will be put on probation for three (3) years.

A motion to accept the order as written was received from Ms. Deshpande and seconded by Mr. White.

A roll call vote was held:

Board Member	AYE	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE	ABSENT
Sullivan K. Smith Chairperson	X				
Chris Brooks	X				
Jeffery Davis	X				
Kappu Deshpande	X				
Larry Hutsell					X
Donald Mosby	X				
Brian Robinson	X				
James Ross	X				
Tim Strange	X				
Stephen Sutton					X
Robert Webb	X				
Tyler White	X				

Jeannie Yeatman				X	
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Motion carried.

Respondent: David Dennis, AEMT License 209387

Respondent was at all times pertinent hereto licensed by the Division as an AEMT in the state of Tennessee, having been granted license number 209387 on January 26, 2016 with an expiration date of August 31st, 2018. Respondent was employed as an AEMT with Lifeguard Ambulance Service in Nashville at all pertinent hereto. On or around June 28th, 2016 he submitted to a random drug screen by his employer. Respondent tested positive for marijuana and Respondent was terminated from his employment with Lifeguard for violating drug-free workplace policy. There is no known patient harm as a result of the Respondent’s acts or omissions.

For the purpose of avoiding further administrative action with respect to this cause, the Respondent agrees to immediate SUSPENSION of his Paramedic license no. 30931. He agrees to an evaluation by TnPAP and should the results of that TnPAP evaluation recommend monitoring, then he may sign a TnPAP monitoring agreement and obtain the advocacy of TnPAP. On receipt of notification from TnPAP that he has signed an agreement prior to or during the period of suspension, the suspension shall be STAYED and the license shall be immediately placed on PROBATION with terms and conditions. After completion of the TnPAP program and by their recommendation his license will be put on probation for three (3) years.

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Chris Brooks	X				
Jeffery Davis	X				
Kappu Deshpande	X				
Larry Hutsell					X
Donald Mosby	X				
Brian Robinson	X				
James Ross	X				
Tim Strange	X				
Stephen Sutton					X
Robert Webb	X				
Tyler White	X				
Jeannie Yeatman	X				

Motion carried.

School Approval

.Mrs. Tidwell went over the Motlow State Community College’s site visit and recommended full approval for the Paramedic Program. Motion was made by Mr. Strange to grant full approval to MSCC and was seconded by Mr. Ross

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Chris Brooks	X				
Jeffery Davis	X				
Kappu Deshpande	X				
Larry Hutsell					X
Donald Mosby	X				
Brian Robinson	X				
James Ross	X				

Tim Strange	X				
Stephen Sutton					X
Robert Webb	X				
Tyler White	X				
Jeannie Yeatman	X				

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Air Ambulance Committee

Mrs. Tidwell stated they did meet and asked Mr. Cook to discuss what they had talked about. They had elected Robbie Tester as Chairman, discussed new FAA rules concerning professional drones.

B. Ambulance Committee

Mr. Jimmy Edwards was unable to attend and Mrs. Tidwell went over some of the items that was discussed in the October meeting.

C. Clinical Issues Committee

A report was received from Dr. Holley as to activities of the CIC and brought a discussion about eye shields on the required equipment list. It was determined that two (2) rigid eye shields are to be on the list. .A discussion was also held as to the concern of unnecessary use of red lights and sirens.

D. Education Committee

Mr. Strange gave a report on the proceeding s from the Education Committee which met yesterday. Mr. Strange discussed the concerns they had with bridging the gaps between EMT and Paramedic direct.

E. Degree Task Force

Tim Strange discussed the initial meeting of the Degree Taskforce.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Mrs. Tidwell gave a report on the pass rate in other states and in Tennessee from the conference she had attended.

OLD BUSINESS

Being none they moved to new business.

NEW BUSINESS

The election for Chairman was moved to the march 2017 meeting.

A motion to adjourn was received from Mr. Davis and seconded by Ms. Deshpande. The motion carried by voice vote without opposition.